TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

THIRD COUNCIL.

FIRST SESSION OF 1105.

(*OFFICIAL REPORT.*)

Friday, the 16th May, 1930/3rd Edavam, 1105.

The Council reassembled in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven-Thirty of the Clock, the President presiding.

The following members were not present:—

1. Rao Bahadur K. A. Krishna Aiyangar.
2. Mr. L. A. Lampard.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Inspection Notes on Hospitals.

241. **MR. V. J. OOMMEN** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the system adopted by the former Darbar Physician of sending, after the inspection of hospitals and dispensaries, a copy each of the inspection reports to the respective Medical Officers in charge, is followed now?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The Administrative Board, Medical Services, reports that it has been the practice to send inspsection notes to the officers of institutions inspected only if there were matters specially requiring the attention of the officers concerned. But since the beginning of 1104 inspection notes are being sent to all institutions inspected.

Irrigation works in Central Travancore.

242. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the respective stages of progress of each of the irrigation works mentioned in page 441, Vol. XIV, of the Legislative Council Proceedings;

(*b*) whether any estimate for Thodiyil canal (from Povattuchira to Arattukadavu) about which mention is made on that page has been called for; and

(*c*) whether any amount is set apart for the construction and repair of the *Karingalichal* as stated in answer to a question of mine asked on the 23rd Karkatakam 1104.

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MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) A statement* furnishing the information required by the member is laid on the table.

(*c*) Yes. Rs. 5,000.

Suspension and forfeiture of badges of motor drivers.

243. MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the Regulation or authority under which the Police Commissioner suspends motor badges;

(*b*) the Section of the Criminal Procedure Code which permits the inflicting of double punishments;

(*c*) whether the Commissioner of Police published a notification dated the 30th June 1929 stating that the drivers who have been punished 3 times within 12 months will have their badges forfeited, etc., on his own authority or with the sanction of the Government;

(*d*) whether the Commissioner has given retrospective effect to his notification;

(*e*) whether the victims of this notification approached the Government and complained of the illegal act of the Commissioner in giving retrospective effect to the notification;

(*f*) what action was taken by Government relating to such cases; and

(*g*) whether the badge of one Gopala Panikkar was suspended for committing one offence after the notification?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Section 12 (2) (*d*) of the Motor Vehicles Regulation, VI of 1094, and Rule 31 (F) of the Rules issued thereunder.

(*b*) Government are not aware of any such Section in the Criminal Procedure Code. The punishments are inflicted under the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Regulation and Rules.

(*c*) The notification was published by the Commissioner of Police on his own authority.

(*d*) The notification has not been given retrospective effect.

(*e*) and (*f*) The Eight Seater Service Syndicate, Trivandrum, complained that the Commissioner has given retrospective effect to the notification. Government enquired into the matter and they found that the notification was merely a warning issued by the Commissioner of Police as to the procedure he intended to adopt in the matter of cancelling or suspending badges in virtue of the powers devolving on him under the Regulation and the Rules in force and it was thus regular and valid. A reply to this effect has been given to the Syndicate.

(*g*) The answer is in the affirmative.

Registration Test Examination and appointment of clerks in the Registration Department.

244. MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

* *Vide* Appendix XXV—page 88.

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